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A Week of Prayer for Missions Abroad

March 27th to April 3d, 1904

IN April 1903 Christian people in the United States and Canada were asked to unite in a week of special prayer for missions abroad. The response to this suggestion was so general and cordial that the Annual Conference of the Foreign Missions Boards in the United States and Canada, meeting in New York in January, decided to repeat the request for these united intercessions during the week beginning March 27th and closing April 3rd 1904.

To prayers for the non-Christian world it is suggested that there be added intercessions for the men and women who are giving their lives for missionary work, and for a wider recognition by Christians in the home land of the duty and privilege of sharing more fully the inspiring enterprise of making our Lord known to the world.

For the more helpful observance of the week it is suggested that the topics included in the Common Daily Prayer be used in connection with the subject given for each day in the Prayer Cycle on pages 2 and 3, and it is hoped that this spirit of prayer may be carried into daily or mid-week church services, and be given expression at parlor or neighborhood meetings in private houses on one or more evenings, at family prayers and in daily private devotions.

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Prayer Cycle

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1. **The Evangelization of the World**—
Total population of the World, estimated, 1,500,000,000. Nominal Christians, 500,000,000. Non-Christians, 1,000,000,000. Native Christians—Protestant Adherents in non-Christian countries and tribes 4,514,592.

Protestant Misionaries, 18,164. Native Workers, 78,350. Students in Christian Schools, 1,051,466. *For missionaries; for the Native Churches; for all inquirers ana catechumens; for greater faith in God, for the establishment everywhere of Christian homes and the Christian Church, and the preaching of the Gospel to every creature.*

2. **Eastern Asia**— Japan, China, Korea, Thibet and Siam.
Total population, 454,000,000. Missionaries, 3,862, or **one to every 118,000** people. Native Workers, 8,637, Protestant Adherents, 307,761, Students in Christian Schools, 57,464.

3. **Central and Western Asia**—India, Afghanistan, Persia, Turkey, Arabia.
Total population, 343,696,104. Missionaries, 4,989, or **one to every 70,000** people. Native Workers, 30,222, Protestant Adherents, 1,356,339. Students in Christian Schools, 492,716.

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4. **The Continent of Africa**—
   Total population, 150,000,000. Missionaries, 3,051, or **one to every 50,000** people. Native Workers, 15,732, Adherents, 851,180, Pupils, 205,047.

5. **The Countries at Our Doors**— Mexico and Central and South America.
   Total population, 54,595,562. Missionaries, 994, or **one to every 55,000** people. Native Workers, 1,927. Adherents, 142,208 Pupils, 29,287.

6. **For the Islands of the Sea**—The Philippines, Hawaii, Cuba, Porto Rico, the South Seas, Madagascar.
   Total population 49,138,356. Missionaries, 1,062, or **one to every 46,000** people. Native Workers, 11,706, Adherents, 652,651, Pupils, 267,097.

7. **For Reinforcements**—*native and foreign—men ana women of prayer and purpose, constrained by the love of Christ, of good judgment and humility, who cannot but speak the things they have seen and heard.*

8. **For the Church,** *that every member of the body of Christ may have the mind of Christ regarding foreign missions and, abounding in the grace of giving, yield prompt obedience to the command of our risen Lord.*

United Prayer for Missions Abroad

Praise

¶ *For the unspeakable gift of God's love; for the share He gives us in His work; for those He has delivered from the power of darkness and translatea into the Kingdom of His dear Son.*

Common Daily Prayer

¶ *For a realization of the need of the non-Christian world: its helplessness, its poverty, its materialism, lust and superstition, the inadequacy of its religions; its spiritual hopelessness.*

¶ *For a truer conception of the Mission of the Church; for more consecration and sacrifice; for a full surrender to the Lordship of Christ; and that the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth laborers into His harvest.*

¶ *For the missionaries that they may have a continual sense of Christ's presence; and may have greater access to the hearts of the people.*

¶ *For the native Church that it may grow in faith and love and fruitfulness; for more native workers.*

¶ *For the elevation of woman.*

¶ *For religious liberty and peace.*

¶ *For the evangelization of the whole world and the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ.*

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"That they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."